

Appl. No. 10/798,488
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:
a housing having a mounting portion, the mounting portion including a bottom wall comprising an inner surface facing an inner side of the housing;
an input device ~~provided~~ placed on the mounting portion; and
a reinforcing plate configured to reinforce the mounting portion, the reinforcing plate being stacked on the inner surface of the bottom wall, and the bottom wall being placed between the input device and the reinforcing plate.

wherein the reinforcing plate has a frame and coupling portions surrounded by the frame, the coupling portions pass through a center of gravity of the reinforcing plate and a plurality of opening portions are provided between the frame and the coupling portions.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the mounting portion includes a bottom wall on which the input device is placed,~~ the bottom wall ~~has~~ includes an opening portion opening toward ~~an~~ the inner side of the housing, and the reinforcing plate is fitted in the opening portion.

4. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the opening portions of the reinforcing plate are arranged radially from the center of gravity of the reinforcing plate.

5. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the housing accommodates a disk drive, the reinforcing plate is located to face the disk drive and a gap is provided between the reinforcing plate and the disk drive.

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6. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the housing is formed of synthetic resin and the reinforcing plate is formed of metal.

7-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) An electronic apparatus comprising:

a housing including an upper casing and a lower casing, the upper casing including a mounting portion being a recessed area of the upper casing, the mounting portion including a bottom wall and a plurality of side walls extending from the bottom wall;

a keyboard including a plurality of keys and a keyboard base, the keyboard base positioned on the bottom wall of the mounting portion; and

a reinforcing plate configured to reinforce the bottom wall of the mounting portion with the bottom wall positioned between the keyboard base and the reinforcing plate, the reinforcing plate including a frame and coupling portions surrounded by the frame, the coupling portions pass through a center of gravity of the reinforcing plate and a plurality of opening portions are provided between the frame and the coupling portions.

22. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the reinforcing plate is attached to an inner surface of the bottom wall, the inner surface of the bottom wall facing the lower casing and toward an interior of the housing.

23. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the reinforcing plate is positioned between the bottom wall of the mounting portion and a disk drive placed within the housing.

24. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the coupling portions of the reinforcing plate are arranged radially from the center of gravity of the reinforcing plate.

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25. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the reinforcing plate including a plurality of openings formed by projecting portions projecting from a back surface of the reinforcing plate.

26. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the coupling portions of the reinforcing plate are arranged with a first plurality of openings positioned linear to each other along a first opening region and a second plurality of openings positioned linear to each other along a second opening region.

27. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the first plurality of openings includes at least four openings and the second plurality of openings includes at least four openings.

28. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the reinforcing plate is positioned between the bottom wall of the mounting portion and a battery pack placed within the housing.

29. (New) An electronic apparatus comprising:

a housing including an upper casing and a lower casing, the upper casing including a mounting portion being a recessed area of the upper casing, the mounting portion including a bottom wall and a plurality of side walls extending from the bottom wall;

a keyboard including a keyboard base mounted on the bottom wall of the mounting portion; and

a reinforcing plate configured to reinforce the bottom wall of the mounting portion and at least a portion of the reinforcing plate positioned between the keyboard base and the bottom wall, the reinforcing plate including a plurality of coupling portions passing through a center of gravity of the reinforcing plate.

30. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the reinforcing plate further including a frame surrounding the coupling portions and a plurality of opening portions being formed between the frame and the plurality of coupling portions.

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31. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 30, wherein each of the plurality of opening portions on the reinforcing plate include a projecting portion projecting from a back surface of the reinforcing plate.

32. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the reinforcing plate is positioned between the keyboard base and a disk drive placed within the housing.

33. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the coupling portions of the reinforcing plate are arranged radially from the center of gravity of the reinforcing plate.

34. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the plurality of coupling portions of the reinforcing plate are arranged with a first plurality of openings positioned linear to each other along a first opening region and a second plurality of openings positioned linear to each other along a second opening region.

35. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the plurality of coupling portions of the reinforcing plate are arranged with a first concentric circle having the center of gravity and a second concentric circle positioned with the center of gravity of the first concentric circle.